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Digital Low Power Television Rules Now In Effect

By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau announces that the rules adopted in the Commission's *LPTV DTV Second Report and Order* establishing rules for the digital low power television transition are now in effect.¹ The *LPTV DTV Second Report and Order* was published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2011.² The Commission obtained approval from the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for all but two of the information collection requirements contained in the *LPTV DTV Second Report and Order*.³ The two remaining information collections require OMB approval. Those are: (1) the expansion of the Commission's ancillary and supplementary rule to low power television permittees operating pursuant to STA⁴ and (2) the requirement that stations that have not already taken steps to convert notify the Commission of their digital transition plan.⁵ The Media Bureau will announce when those information collections have been granted OMB approval and have become effective.

Stations wishing to utilize the new rules concerning emission masks, ERP increase and vertical antenna patterns must file FCC Forms 346 and 301-CA electronically using the CDBS efiling system:

http://www.fcc.gov/mb/cdbs.html

For assistance with electronic filing, call the Media Bureau Help Desk at (202) 418-26MB (418-2662).

¹ See Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television, Television Translator, and Television Booster Stations and to Amend Rules for Digital Class A Television Stations, Second Report and Order, FCC 11-110, released July 15, 2011 (LPTV DTV Second Report and Order).

² See 76 Fed. Reg. 44821 (July 27, 2011).

³ See OMB Control Nos. 3060-1086 and 3060-0016 (received final OMB approval on August 9, 2011) and OMB Control Nos. 3060-0928 and 3060-0932 (received final OMB approval on July 26, 2011).

⁴ See LPTV DTV Second Report and Order at ¶ 55.

⁵ *Id.* at ¶ 42.

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